

**CLAIMS:**

- 1        1.     A restraint means adapted to restrict the  
2        relative movement between a first person and a  
3        second person, the restraint means comprising:  
4            a body adapted to be removably attached to the  
5        first person;  
6            a rotatable drum located on the body;  
7            a cable having a first end connected to the  
8        drum and a second end having an attachment means  
9        thereon, the attachment means being adapted to be  
10       secured to the second person; and  
11            a locking means adapted to selectively lock the  
12       rotating drum so as to prevent rotation thereof.  
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14       2.     The restraint means of Claim 1, wherein the  
15       locking means comprises a trigger pivotably attached  
16       to the body and adapted to selectively engage the  
17       rotating drum.  
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19       3.     The restraint means of Claim 2, wherein the  
20       drum has a rotational axis and a face of the drum  
21       includes at least one first detent portion extending  
22       radially outwardly from the rotational axis, and the  
23       trigger includes at least one first pawl adapted to  
24       engage the first detent portion when the trigger is  
25       operated.  
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27       4.     The restraint means of either Claim 2 or Claim  
28       3, wherein the trigger is provided with a means for  
29       disengaging from the drum.  
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1     5.    The restraint means of Claim 4, wherein the  
2     disengagement means is a biasing means adapted to  
3     bias the trigger away from the drum.

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5     6.    The restraint means of Claim 4, wherein the  
6     disengagement means is a button formed on the  
7     trigger for manual operation thereof.

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9     7.    The restraint means of any of Claims 2 to 6,  
10    wherein the trigger is provided with a projecting  
11    portion, wherein a portion of the cable is threaded  
12    around the projecting portion such that a  
13    predetermined force applied to the cable will bring  
14    the trigger into engagement with the drum.

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16    8.    The restraint means of Claim 7, wherein the  
17    trigger has a longitudinally extending channel and  
18    the projecting portion is a bar extending laterally  
19    across the channel.

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21    9.    The restraint means of Claim 1, wherein the  
22    locking means comprises:

23        at least one detent portion provided on the  
24    body adjacent the circumference of the drum and  
25    extending radially inwardly towards the drum;

26        at least one pawl member pivotably attached to  
27    a face of the drum and adapted to engage the detent  
28    portion of the body; and

29        a biasing means adapted to bias the pawl member  
30    towards the rotational axis of the drum.

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1     10. The restraint means of any of Claims 2 to 6,  
2     wherein the locking means further comprises:

3         at least one second detent portion provided on  
4     the body adjacent the circumference of the drum and  
5     extending radially inwardly towards the drum;

6         at least one second pawl member pivotably  
7     attached to a face of the drum and adapted to engage  
8     the second detent portion of the body; and

9         a biasing means adapted to bias the second pawl  
10    member towards the rotational axis of the drum.

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12    11. The restraint means of Claim 10, wherein the  
13    locking means further includes an abutment member  
14    positioned on the face of the drum between the  
15    second pawl member and the circumference of the drum  
16    face, the abutment member limiting the radially  
17    outward movement of the second pawl.

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19    12. The restraint means of any of Claims 2 to 6,  
20    wherein the locking means further comprises:

21         a plurality of second detent portions provided  
22    on the body adjacent the circumference of the drum  
23    and extending radially inwardly towards the drum;

24         a pair of second pawl members pivotably  
25    attached to a face of the drum at substantially  
26    diametrically opposite locations, and adapted to  
27    engage the plurality of second detent portions of  
28    the body; and

29         each second pawl member having a biasing means  
30    adapted to bias the second pawl member towards the  
31    rotational axis of the drum.

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1     13. The restraint means of Claim 12, wherein the  
2     locking means further includes a pair of abutment  
3     members, each abutment member positioned on the face  
4     of the drum between a respective second pawl member  
5     and the circumference of the drum face, the abutment  
6     members limiting the radially outward movement of  
7     the respective second pawls.

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9     14. The restraint means of any preceding claim,  
10    wherein the drum includes a biasing means adapted to  
11    apply a substantially constant recoil force to the  
12    drum in a first rotational direction.

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14    15. The restraint means of any preceding claim,  
15    wherein the body and attachment means are adapted  
16    such that the attachment means can be located on the  
17    body when not in use.

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19    16. The restraint means of any preceding claim,  
20    wherein the attachment means comprises a cover  
21    member having a recess in which the second end of  
22    the cable is attached.

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24    17. The restraint means of Claim 16, wherein the  
25    attachment means further comprises a belt adapted to  
26    be fitted about the second person, the belt having a  
27    catch adjacent one end thereof and a catch housing  
28    adjacent the opposite end thereof, the catch housing  
29    being adapted to receive both the catch and the  
30    cover member thereon.

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1     18. The restraint means of Claim 17, wherein the  
2     cover member substantially covers the catch housing  
3     when received thereon, thereby preventing direct  
4     access to the catch and catch housing.

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6     19. The restraint means of any preceding claim,  
7     wherein the second person is a child and the  
8     restraint means is a child restraint means.

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10    20. The restraint means of any of Claims 1 to 18,  
11    wherein the second person is an animal and the  
12    restraint means is an animal restraint means.